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SUBJECT: JAPANESE-MALAYSIAN RELATIONS: RUMORED VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER TO TOKYO AND WASHINGTON

1. JAPANESE SECOND SECRETARY ANTATSU CALLED ON POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF BENNETT TODAY (APRIL 14) TO ASK WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT U.S. HAD INVITED PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE STATED THAT THE REPORT OF A POSSIBLE VISIT WAS BROUGHT TO MALAYSIA FROM TOKYO BY THE NEW AMBASSADOR, EIKICHI HARA, WHO ARRIVED HERE APRIL 7. ACCORDING TO ANTATSU, WHOSE ENGLISH IS GOOD BUT NOT PERFECT, THE JAPANESE WERE "FRIGHTENED" BY THE IDEA OF A HUSSEIN VISIT BUT MIGHT HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT IF HUSSEIN HAS ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

2. BENNETT REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. INVITATION TO DATUK HUSSEIN ALTHOUGH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MALAYSIA ARE GOOD AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ONE SOMETIME IN THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL TERM COULD NOT BE RULED OUT.
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